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Inventor: Stephen A. Debellus
Title: Armature Shaft Retainer
Atty Docket: 0275D-000247

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Applicant:	Stephen A. Debellus	Case No.:	0275D-000247
Serial No.:	09/293,355	Filing Date:	April 16, 1999
Title:	Armature Shaft Retainer		

Please acknowledge receipt of: Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal; Fee Transmittal for FY 2003 (in duplicate); Preliminary Amendment; Certificate of Mailing

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Application Number	09/293,455
Filing Date	April 16, 1999
First Named Inventor	Stephen A. Debellus
Art Unit	2834
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